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THIS Day His Majeſty came to the Houſe of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes ſeated on the Throne with the uſual Solemnity, Sir Septimus Robinſon, Knt. Gentleman Uſher of the Black Rod, was ſent with a Meſſage from His Majeſty to the Houſe of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the Houſe of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majeſty was pleaſed to make the following moſt gracious Speech.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

THE Re-eſtabliſhment of the Publick Tranquility, upon Terms of Honor and Advantage to My Kingdoms, was the firſt great Object of My Reign: That ſalutary Meaſure has received the Approbation of My Parliament, and has ſince been happily compleated, and carried into Execution, by the Definitive Treaty. It has been, and ſhall be My Endeavour to enſure the Continuance of the Peace, by a faithful and ſteady Adherence to the Conditions upon which it was concluded: And I have the Satisfaction to acquaint you, that the ſeveral Powers of Europe, who were engaged againſt Us in the late War, have given Me the ſtrongeſt Aſſurances of the ſame good Diſpoſition. Our Principal Care ought now to be employed to improve the valuable Acquiſitions, which We have made, and to cultivate the Arts of Peace in ſuch a Manner, as may moſt effectually contribute to extend the Commerce, and to augment the Happineſs of My Kingdoms.

For theſe great Purpoſes I have called you together. It will ever be My earneſt Wiſh and Endeavour to demonſtrate to My People, by My Actions, the Love which I bear them; and I doubt not of receiving from them the grateful and juſt Returns of Duty and Affection.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

I will order the proper Eſtimates for the Service of the Year to be laid before you. The heavy Debts contracted in the Courſe of the late War, for many of which no Proviſion is yet made, call for your utmoſt Attention and the ſtricteſt Frugality. I muſt however earneſtly recommend to you the Support of My Fleet, to which Our paſt Succeſſes have been ſo much owing, and upon which the future Welfare and Importance of Great Britain do moſt eſſentially depend. To eaſe My People of ſome Part of theſe Burthens, I have directed, as I promiſed at the End of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, that the Money ariſing from the Sale of the Prizes veſted in the Crown, ſhould be applied to the Publick Service. It is My Intention to reſerve, for the ſame Uſe, whatever Sums ſhall be produced by the Sale of any of the Lands belonging to Me in the Iſlands of the Weſt Indies, which were ceded to Us by the late Treaty.

The Improvement of the Publick Revenue, by ſuch Regulations as ſhall be judged moſt expedient for that Purpoſe, deſerves your ſerious Conſideration. This will be the ſureſt Means of reducing the National Debt, and of relieving My Subjects from thoſe Burthens, which the Expences of the late War have brought upon them; and will, at the ſame Time, eſtabliſh the Publick Credit upon the moſt ſolid Foundation.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

As the Intereſts and Proſperity of My People are the ſole Objects of My Care, I have only to deſire, that you will purſue ſuch Meaſures, as are conducive to thoſe Ends, with Diſpatch and Unanimity. Domeſtick Union will be eſſentially neceſſary to remedy thoſe Evils which are the Conſequences of War, to enable us to reap the moſt permanent Advantages from the Concluſion of the Peace, and to diſcourage that licentious Spirit, which is repugnant to the true Principles of Liberty, and of this happy Conſtitution. In this Opinion I truſt that My Subjects will be confirmed by your Example; and that they will be taught by your Proceedings, to unite their utmoſt Endeavours to ſupport ſuch Meaſures, as may equally tend to the Honor and Dignity of My Crown, and to their own Security and Happineſs.

AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 4th Day of *November* 1763,

PRESENT,

The KING's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

WHereas there was this Day read at the Board, the humble Petition of ſeveral Merchants, whoſe Names were thereunto ſubſcribed, in Behalf of themſelves and others His Majeſty's Subjects trading to and from the Kingdom of Spain; ſetting forth, That by the Reſtoration of the Peace, Britiſh Ships are no longer liable to be ſtopt or viſited by Cruizers, and to other Accidents on thoſe Seas, which expoſed them to Infection in Time of War; That there is very ſeldom any Communication or Intercourſe of Trade between thoſe Ports in the Levant, Barbary, and other Places where the Plague uſually breaks out, and the Ports of Spain; and when any Ship or Veſſel, that has touched at any other Port or Ports in the Streights (even ſuſpected of having Communication with infected Places) arrives at a Spaniſh Port, ſhe is always ſubjected to perform a regular Quarantine before ſhe is admitted into Port; That the Dutch, Hamburghers, Danes, Swedes, and other Nations, do not ſubject their Trade from thoſe Ports to Quarantine, or to any Delay upon that Account, nor did they do it even during the laſt War; That the Continuance of the Quarantine will be attended with a great Deal of Vexation to the Petitioners, Difficulties and Delays in their Trade, as well as Expence, and conſequently very injurious to that Part of the Britiſh Commerce and Navigation, particularly in regard to periſhable Goods: And as the Cauſe for eſtabliſhing the ſaid Quarantine is intirely removed, the Petitioners humbly pray, that the Quarantine may be taken off

off all Ships coming from Spain, upon producing clean Bills of Health——His Majeſty, having taken the ſaid Petition into Conſideration, and being deſirous to remove all Obſtructions upon Trade, ſo far as may be conſiſtent with the Health and Safety of His Subjects, is pleaſed, with the Advice of His Privy Council, to Order, as it is hereby Ordered, That the Quarantine at preſent ſubſiſting upon all Ships and Veſſels coming from or through the Mediterranean, be taken off ſo far as reſpects Ships and Veſſels coming directly from any of the Ports of the Kingdom of Spain, Minorca, or Gibraltar; and that ſuch Ships and Veſſels be permitted to diſcharge their reſpective Ladings without Opening, Unpacking and Airing, and without performing any Quarantine; provided that they bring with them clean Bills of Health, and that the Maſter, or other Perſon taking Charge of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, do firſt make Oath before the Cuſtom houſe Officer, or Chief Magiſtrate, on their Arrival at the Place where they are bound to, that they did not touch at any infected Place, nor had Communication with any infected Ship during the Voyage, and are free from all Infection.—And the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, the Commiſſioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, the Maſter General of the Ordnance, His Majeſty's Secretary at War, and the Governors or Commanders in Chief for the Time being, of the Iſles of Jerſey, Guernſey, Alderney, Sark and Man, are to give the neceſſary Directions herein, as to them may reſpectively appertain.

Hen. Fane.

Warſaw, October 19. General Count Romatowiſki, in the Auſtrian Service, is arrived here from Vienna. The Empreſs of Ruſſia has given the Order of St. Andrew to Count Oginſki, Son-in-law to the Prince Chancellor Czartoriſki.

Copenhagen, October 29. Count Ahlefeldt, lately Secretary at War, has been advanced to the Rank of General of the Cavalry, and made Governor of this City. The Regiment of Zealand, regular Infantry, is given to his Serene Highneſs Prince Frederick of Heſſe Caſſel; the former Commander, Prince Æmilius of Sunderburg, having obtained the Appointment of Lieutenant General.

Dreſden, October 30. Count Bruhl died on Friday Evening. Every Thing in his Houſe was immediately ſealed up, and a ſtrong Guard put about it for the Security of his Effects. Meſſ. Heinecke and Gartemberg, in whom he placed his chief Confidence, are put under Arreſt. The Lord Viſcount Stormont, Ambaſſador from His Britannick Majeſty to the Imperial Court, ſets out To-morrow for Vienna.

Copenhagen, November 5. Count Dierieſtein, the Imperial Miniſter, has taken his Leave of this Court in Form, and is ſet out on his Return to Vienna. It is ſaid, he is to be ſucceeded here by Count Wurmbrandt.

Hamburgh, November 4. The Mortality, which has long raged among the Horned Cattle in Jutland, ſtill continues; and it is much apprehended it may ſpread here, ſeveral Cattle from that Country having been ſeized in the Streets of this City with that Diſtemper, as they were paſſing along, and one or two having dropt down dead.

Berlin, November 5. Achmet Effendi, the Turkiſh Internonce, arrived at Weiſſenſee on Wedneſday laſt, with a Retinue of upwards of 70 Perſons; and it is ſaid, he will make his Entry into this Capital on the 9th Inſtant.

The Queen of Pruſſia, who has been very ill of a Fever, is ſo far recovered, that her Phyſicians have declared her Majeſty to be out of all Danger.

Mentz, November 4. The Elector has nominated Baron Erthal, Canon of the Cathedral, Preſident of the Aulick Council and of the Regency, his Firſt Ambaſſador at the Congreſs of Augſbourg, for electing a King of the Romans; and Baron Groſchlay the Second.

His Electoral Highneſs is to be conſecrated the 13th, with as little Ceremony as poſſible.

Treves, November 5. It is thought either M. Booſs, Great Dean of the Chaple, or Baron Breidbach, formerly Great Chancellor of Liege, Brother to the Elector of Mentz, and Canon of Treves, will be appointed our Elector's Firſt Ambaſſador at the Congreſs of Augſbourg; together with M. Munich our Chancellor, and Baron Trek.

Bonn, November 6. It is ſaid his Electoral Highneſs has nominated Count Hohenzollern, Grand Maitre, his Firſt Ambaſſador to the Congreſs of Augſbourg; Baron Gymnich, Preſident of the Aulick Council, the Second; and Baron Sierſtorff the Third.

Hague, November 8. To-morrow the French Ambaſſador is to make his Viſit of Ceremony to the Prince of Orange, which will be returned by his Serene Highneſs the following Day. The Succour for the Berbices are got out of the Texel, and, it is hoped, will be able to get down the Channel.

St James's, November 15.

The King has been pleaſed to order Letters Patent to be paſſed under the Great Seal of the Kingdom of Ireland, containing a Grant to Arthur Brooke of Colebrooke in the County of Fermanagh, Eſq; and his Heirs Male, of the Dignity of a Baronet of the ſaid Kingdom.

Navy Office, November 11, 1763.

The Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury having appointed Money for paying Half Pay to Sea Officers from the 1ſt of January to the 30th of June 1763, according to His Majeſty's Eſtabliſhment on that Behalf; Theſe are to give Notice, that the ſaid Payment will begin to be made at the Treaſurer of the Navy's Office in Broad Street, on Monday the 5th of December, at Ten o'Clock in the Morning, and continued the following Day, beginning at the ſame Hour, (after which the Liſts will be recalled once a Month) that all Perſons may then and there attend to receive what may become payable unto them, and not only bring with them the Affidavit required touching their not having enjoyed the Benefit of any publick Employment, either at Sea or on Shore, during the Time they are to be paid their Half Pay, but alſo produce Certificates that they have ſubſcribed to the Teſt, and taken the Oaths required by Act of Parliament to His preſent Majeſty; and in Caſe any of the ſaid Sea Officers ſhall not be able to attend themſelves to receive their Money, but employ Attorneys for that Purpoſe, that the ſaid Attorneys may produce the like Certificates and Affidavits from the Perſons they are employed by.

General Poſt-Office.

Monday, November 7, 1763.

Whereas the Poſt-Boy carrying the Mail of Letters from Maidſtone to Rocheſter, between the Hours of Nine and Ten o'Clock on Friday Night laſt, was attacked near the Hoſpital, within a Quarter of a Mile of Rocheſter, by three Footpads, one of whom fired a Gun or Piſtol, loaded with large Shot, which wounded the Poſt-Boy very dangerouſly in his Body, Face and Arms:

This is therefore to give Notice, That whoever ſhall apprehend and convict, or cauſe to be apprehended and convicted, any one or more of the Perſons who made this Aſſault, will be intitled to a Reward of Fifty Pounds, *over and above the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen; or if any Perſon or Perſons, whether Accomplice, or knowing thereof, (except*

cept the Perſon who actually fired the Gun or Piſtol) *ſhall make Diſcovery, whereby one or more of the Perſons may be apprehended and brought to Juſtice, ſuch Diſcoverer or Diſcoverers will, upon the Conviction of any one of the Parties, be intitled to the ſame Reward of* Fifty Pounds, *and will alſo have His Majeſty's moſt gracious Pardon.*

By Command of the Poſt-Maſter General,
Anth. Todd, *Secretary.*

General Poſt-Office, November 5, 1763.

Public Notice is hereby given, That beſides the Mail which will be made up at this Office upon the Second Saturday of this, and every Month, as uſual, for New York, an Extraordinary Mail will be diſpatched, from hence, upon Saturday the 26th Inſtant; there being already Two Packet-Boats at Falmouth, and others expected, in ſufficient Time to carry the December Mail.

By Command of the Poſtmaſter General,
Anth. Todd, *Secretary.*

Victualling-Office, November 7, 1763.

The Commiſſioners for Victualling His Majeſty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Wedneſday the 23d inſtant, exactly at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, they will be ready to treat for Oxen for freſh Meat for His Majeſty's Ships at Portſmouth, for three Months, commencing the 1ſt Day of December next, for the Service of His Majeſty's Navy.

Eaſt India Houſe, June 22, 1763.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the Eaſt Indies, do hereby give Notice, That purſuant to a Reſolution of the General Court of the ſaid Company held this Day, the preſent Intereſt of Five Pounds per Centum per Annum on the ſaid Company's Bonds ſhall ceaſe, and determine on the 31ſt of December next; and that from and after that Day, the ſaid Company's Bonds are to carry an Intereſt after the Rate of Four Pounds per Centum per Annum, and the Proprietors thereof are hereby allowed to the 21ſt Day of November next incluſive, to bring the ſame to the Accomptant of the ſaid Company, at their Houſe in Leadenhall Street (if they think fit) to be marked in order to carry the ſaid Intereſt of Four Pounds per Centum per Annum from the ſaid 31ſt of December next accordingly; and that the Principal and Intereſt to the ſaid 31ſt of December next, on all ſuch Bonds as ſhall not be brought in to be marked on or before the ſaid 21ſt Day of November as before-mentioned, ſhall be paid off; and that no further Reduction will be made in the Intereſt on the Company's Bonds without giving Six Months Notice.

Eaſt India Houſe, October 19, 1763.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the Eaſt Indies, being informed that many Perſons, poſſeſſed of the Company's Bonds, decline bringing them in to be marked, in order to a Reduction of Intereſt, purſuant to their Advertiſement of the 22d of June laſt, under Apprehenſion, that ſuch of them as are not brought in, will be continued at the preſent Rate of Intereſt, and ſuch as are will carry leſs, think it proper, in order to obviate the Prejudices which may ariſe from a Notion ſo groundleſs in itſelf, and ſo diſhonourable to the Company, to repeat the Declaration they made in that Advertiſement, That purſuant to a Reſolution of the General Court, ſuch of the Bonds as are not brought in to be marked, on or before the 21ſt of November next, will be paid off; and to aſſure the Public, that at all Times, and in all Events, all the Company's Bonds will (as they always have) carry one and the ſame Rate of Intereſt.

The following Eight Gentlemen are choſen Directors of the Hand-in-Hand Fire-Office for the Year enſuing.

Richard Brookes, Eſq;	Mr. Jonathan Buttall.
Benjamin Cowley, Eſq;	Henry Hurt, Eſq;
Mr. George Evans.	Mr. Richard Jeffreys.
Mr. John Hinde.	Mr. Lomax Rider.

The Sixteen following are continued according to the Deed of Settlement.

Mr. Thomas Clarke.	Mr. William Beech.
Mr. Nicholas Criſp.	Mr. Nathaniel Bentley.
Mr. Joſeph Flight.	Mr. Zachariah Carleton.
Mr. Thomas Holmes.	Mr. William Freke.
Mr. James Johnſon.	Barth. Hammond, Eſq;
Mr. Barth. Payne.	Mr. Thomas Harris.
Thomas Scott, Eſq;	Henry Neale, Eſq;
Henry Willoughby, Eſq;	John Phillips, Eſq;

Victualling-Office, Nov. 7, 1763.

The Commiſſioners for Victualling His Majeſty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Friday the 18th inſtant, exactly at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, they will be ready to treat with ſuch Perſons as may be willing to contract for furniſhing Coopers Tools for the Port of Portſmouth for one Year.

By the Commiſſioners for Victualling His Majeſty's Navy.

Whereas divers Perſons have had Sums of Money impreſted to them by us, and others have drawn Bills of Exchange, which have been paid, and charged as impreſts againſt them; Theſe are to give Notice to all Perſons, who have had any Money impreſted to them from this Office, or drawn Bills, and have not delivered in their Accounts and Vouchers to be examined and paſſed to clear the ſame, that they do forthwith deliver them into this Office, in order to paſs their Accounts, and thereby clear the Impreſts ſtanding out againſt them, and prevent their being returned into the Exchequer and proſecuted, as otherwiſe they will be; and ſuch Perſons as have paſſed their Accounts, are exhorted to carry their perfect Bills to the Office of the Treaſurer of the Navy, and take up their Impreſts. Dated at the Victualling Office, London, this 19th of September, 1763.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Company of His Majeſty's Ship Ambuſcade, that were on Board her in December, 1759, at the Taking the St. Lewis, the Magdalen, Hyrondell, Union, and St. Francis, in Company with the Royal George Privatier, that by Order of John Dick, Eſq; of Leghorn, their Agent, a Final Dividend for the ſaid Prizes will be paid by Meſſ. Innes and Williams, the Corner of Gold Square, Crutched Fryars, on the laſt Thurſday in November inſtant; and will be recalled by them on the laſt Thurſday in every Month, for three Years.

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